gement even by way of a reply in regard to his new invention and novel project;

(c) whether Government have made any indepth study into the use of Koir Pyth Stove made out of GI Sheet; and

(d) whether Government consider his invention as successful, in view of the energy crisis the country is facing?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) A proposal from Sri Venkatesa & Co. Tiruchirapally signed by Shri A.T.R. Swamy was received in this Department on 2.5.86 requesting for the approval of Sri Venkatesa & Co.'s Coir Pyth Stove. Shri Venkatesa & Co. was requested on 25-5-86 to get the efficiency of this stove tested by the Central Power Research and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. This letter was acknowledged by Sri Venkatesa & Co. on 24.6.86 confirming that all documents had been sent to the two institutions. As per the policy of the Department, a new stove can be approved for propagation under the National Programme of Improved Chulha if its efficiency is certified to be above 20 per cent by at least two independent scientific institutions designated by the Department. Accordingly, the company was requested to get the efficiency of these stoves tested at the two above mentioned institutes. The report from the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore shows that the efficiency of the "Sri Venkatesa and Co. Coir Pyth Stove" is 9.8 per cent. The report from IIT Delhi is awaited.

Supply of LPG Cylinders to Five Star Hotels etc.

1713. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any regulations to accord priority for supply of LPG refills to Five-Star hotels, hospitals and hostels;

(b) whether it is fact that these institutions are finding it difficult to get the refills in time; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (c) Normally no priority in supply of LPG refills is given to five-star hotels, hospitals and hostels. However during periods of sustained backlog, dealers are advised to accord priority in supply of refills to hospitals, hostels and hotels who may not find it possible to use alternative fuels.

(b) There have been no serious complaints in this regard.

Fazilka Telephone Exchange

1714. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the manual telephone exchange at Fazilka in Punjab into MAX-II Electronic type exchange;

(b) whether the Municipal Committee Fazilka has agreed to provide land required for this purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the residents of Fazilka were assured by Government of expeditious execution of the proposal;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(e) by when the MAX-II Electronic type telephone exchange is likely to be commissioned at Fazilka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. However, there is a proposal to convert Fazilka into a 800-line electro-mechanical MAX-II type exchange.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The organisation of residents was informed that the exchange is expected to be automatised during 1986-87 and the target is expected to be met.

(e) Electro-mechanical MAX-II type exchange is proposed to be commissioned by March, 1987.

Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange

1715. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity, working capacity, actual number of working connections and the number of persons on the waiting list in different categories of Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange and when the current waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(b) whether Government plan to increase the capacity of the exchange in view of the ever increasing waiting list;

(c) what are the names of the cities/towns connected with Dibrugarh over S.T.D. both ways and the names of the cities/towns proposed to be so connected in the near future; and

(d) whether the Telephone Advisory Committee for Dibrugarh Division is functioning at present; if so, the names of members of the Committee with the interests represented and if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when this Committee is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA):(a) Details regarding present installed capacity, working capacity, actual number of working connections and the number of persons on waiting list at Dibrugarh are as follows:—

(i) Installed capacity	2000 lines
(ii) Working capacity	2000 lines
(iii) No. of working connections	1911
(iv) No. of persons on the waiting list	
OYT	12
Non-OYT Special	18
Non-OYT-General	246
TOTAL	276

The current waiting list is likely to be cleared by 1988.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to expand Dibrugarh Telephone exchange by 1000 lines by 1988.

(c) Both way point to point S.T.D. is already available for Jorhat and Tinsukhia. Point to point STD with Gauhati is expected to be provided during 1986-87. At present Dibrugarh is also having access to National subscriber Dialling through Shillong Trunk Automatic exchange.

It is also planned to connect 57 more cities/towns (listed in Statement) with Dibrugarh for National subscriber Dialling facilities through Tax network during the current year (1986-87). (See below)

(d) No, Sir. Telephone Advisory Committees are not set up on divisional basis. However, A Telecom Advisory Committee is functioning for the State of Assam which covers Dibrugarh Division. It consists of the following members:—

(i) Deputy Secretary, G. Ad (Assam Government)

(ii) Shri S. M. Deb, M.P.

(iii) Shri B. K. Handique, M.P.